

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

In the Matter of Roland Lynn Hofmeister,  
DVM, License Number 03372

**AGREEMENT FOR  
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This Agreement is entered into by and between Roland Lynn Hofmeister, DVM, License No. 03372, and the Complaint Review Committee ("Committee") of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board") pursuant to the authority of Minn. Stat. § 214.103, subd. 6(a) (2002). Licensee and the Committee hereby concur that this Agreement shall be based on the following:

**A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. Licensee is the owner of The Pet Vet in Fridley, Minnesota.
2. The Board received a complaint against Licensee. The complaint alleged the following:
  - a. Licensee and his staff failed to properly dispose of hypodermic needles, and, as a result, a dog that had undergone a surgical procedure at The Pet Vet swallowed a hypodermic needle;
  - b. After Licensee performed abdominal surgery on the dog to remove the hypodermic needle, he discharged the dog from his hospital with a hypodermic needle inserted into and taped to the leg of the dog;
  - c. Licensee failed to prescribe or provide pain medication for the dog following the abdominal surgery; and
  - d. Licensee failed to provide home care instructions when he discharged the dog to its owner.
3. The Committee conducted an investigation of the complaint and determined that Licensee failed to meet current standards of care for proper use and disposal of hypodermic needles; failed to prescribe or administer pain medication for the dog although it was indicated following the abdominal surgery; and failed to provide home care instructions consistent with current standards of care.

## B. CORRECTIVE ACTION

Based on the foregoing information, Licensee and the Committee hereby agree to the following corrective action:

✓ 1. Within 60 days of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall provide the Committee with a written policy and protocol for staff training in the use of hypodermic needles as intravenous catheters and proper disposal of hypodermic needles following their use. Licensee shall make revisions to the written policy and protocol as the Committee deems appropriate and shall implement the policy and protocol at The Pet Vet upon their approval by the Committee.

✓ 2. Within 60 days of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall provide the Committee with a written policy on when written home care instructions are appropriate and with copies of all home care instruction forms used at The Pet Vet. Licensee shall make revisions to the written policy and instruction forms as the Committee deems appropriate and shall implement the policy and commence using forms at The Pet Vet upon their approval by the Committee.

✓ 3. Within 60 days of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall provide the Committee with copies all of surgery release and procedure release forms that are used at The Pet Vet. Licensee shall make revisions to the forms as the Committee deems appropriate and shall commence using the forms at The Pet Vet upon their approval by the Committee.

✓ 4. Within 30 days of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Committee the dates, number of hours and titles of all continuing education courses taken by Licensee in the two-year period preceding his last license renewal.

✓ 5. Within six months of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall complete a course of not less than four hours, approved in advance by the Committee, on the current standard of care for pain relief in companion animals and techniques for providing pain relief when indicated.

6. If the Committee determines that Licensee has fully complied with this Agreement, the Committee will dismiss the complaint referred to in Part A one year after the date of this Agreement.

7. If the Committee determines that Licensee has failed to comply with this Agreement, the Committee may, in its discretion, reopen this matter and pursue disciplinary action against Licensee in accordance with Minn. Stat. chs. 14, 156 and 214.

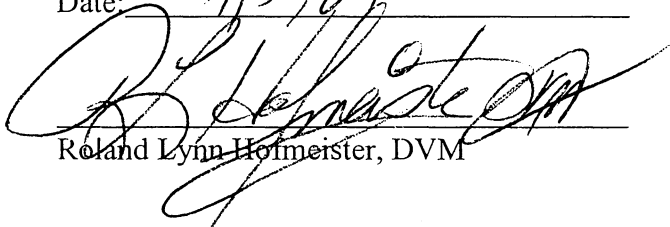
8. This Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action against Licensee. Licensee understands and acknowledges, however, that this Agreement is classified as public data.

9. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by Licensee and the Committee.

10. Licensee hereby acknowledges having read and understood this Agreement and having voluntarily entered into it. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Committee and Licensee, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, that varies the terms of this Agreement.

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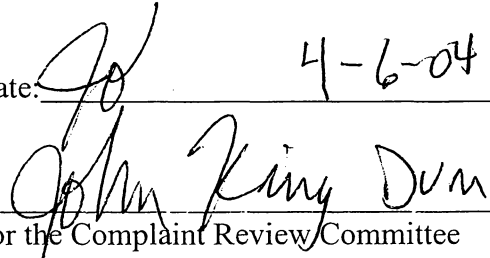
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Roland Lynn Hofmeister, DVM

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For the Complaint Review Committee

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